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Train safety meeting to be held in Prosser

State railroad safety inspectors will discuss safety concerns associated with last year's train accident in Prosser at a public meeting, Feb. 16.

Railroad inspectors from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) will answer questions and listen to concerns regarding rail safety in a public meeting scheduled at 6:30 p.m,. Wednesday, Feb. 16 in the multi-purpose room of Keene River View Elementary School, 832 Park Ave., Prosser.

The WUTC inspectors are conducting the meeting at the request of the City of Prosser. The city has grappled with public concerns raised by the Dec. 1, 1999 accident when a freight train was switched over to a side track and struck a standing locomotive. The collision occurred close to a liquid propane storage tank.

If members of the public would like to comment but are unable to attend the meeting, they may write to the WUTC at P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Wash. 98504-7250 Comments also may be sent via e-mail to the WUTC at the following address: comments@wutc.wa.gov.

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